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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN MEDIA COMMENTARY ON U.S. POLICY

1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN MEDIA HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON
PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT
MENTIONING ITS HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS. LATTER THEME OF
U.S. POLICY IS STILL SUBJECT OF MUCH MEDIA CONCERN,
PARTICULARLY ITS ALLEGED DISRUPTIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR
CSCE PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. ROMANIAN NEWS WEEKLY LUMEA (JUNE 2, 1977) DEVOTES
THREE-COLUMN PAGE TO PRESIDENT'S MAY 22 SPEECH AT NOTRE
DAME. ARTICLE COMMENTS IN GENERALLY FAVORABLE TONE
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ON PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION OF CHANGING WORLD CON-
DITIONS, COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND
POOR NATIONS, AND CALL FOR NEW AND EXPANDED DISARMAMENT
MEASURES. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, STATEMENT THAT U.S.
NEW FREE OF ITS PAST "INORDINATE FEAR" OF COMMUNISM
IS PARTICULARLY APPLAUDED. ARTICLE ADOPTS HOPEFUL
ATTITUDE THAT THESE THEMES WILL NOW BE TRANSFORMED

INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS. HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF
SPEECH ARE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT.

3. CONTINUED ROMANIAN CONCERN AND DEFENSIVENESS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALSO NOTABLE IN OTHER PRESS ARTICLES.
MAY 31 SCINTEIA ARTICLE COMMENTING ON RECENT POLEXCO
DECISION REGARDING "REEDUCATION THROUGH WORK"
(BUCHAREST 4067) CLOSES BY NOTING THAT STERILE
AGITATION OF CERTAIN CIRCLES CONCERNING HUMANITARIAN
PROBLEMS ONLY ILLUSTRATES THEIR OWN INABILITY TO
ENSURE ELEMENTARY RIGHTS OF MAN FOR THE IMMENSE
MAJORITY. IN SAME EDITION, ARTICLE ON CSCE PREPAR-
ATIONS NOTES THAT "SOME CIRCLES" CONTINUE TO TAKE
ANACHRONISTIC POSITIONS OF POLITICAL IMPERIALISM,
I.E. OF FORCE AND DICTATION, IN ATTEMPTING TO DISTORT
CONTENT OF HELSINKI ACT VIA UNILATERAL INTERPRETATIONS.
THEY ALSO TAKE SOME CHAPTERS AND PARTS OF DOCUMENT OUT
OF CONTEXT WITH OBJECTIVE OF CREATING CONFUSION AND
EXERTING POLITICAL PRESSURE ON SOME STATES. ARTICLE
ALSO NOTES TENDENCY OF SOME TO TRANSFORM BELGRADE
MEETING INTO A CONFRONTATION AND STERILE POLEMICS.
GOR HOPES TO AVOID SUCH CONFRONTATION AND INSTEAD
WORKS TOWARD "DYNAMIC AND THOROUGH APPLICATION OF
FINAL ACT."

4. COMMENT: SUCH MEDIA COMMENTARY AMPLY ILLUSTRATES
SOMEWHAT SCHIZOPHRENIC APPROACH OF GOR TO CURRENT
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